

Children Librarian Recommendations:

Today during my library visit, I stopped by the children's room and asked the librarian for books on restorative justice, tailored for school age children. She asked me for what age range, and I replied back between elementary school and early high school. Based off this criteria her recommendations based off the library catalog are:

Restorative justice : an alternative to punishment

For decades, the American criminal justice system has followed a "tough on crime" model. That's starting to change, following increased criticism of prisons and policing. One model for reform has become especially prominent: restorative justice. Restorative justice prioritizes community-led reconciliation between victim and offender. Based on indigenous practices and motivated by inequities in our current system, restorative justice is premised on a radical redefinition of social harm. To understand this challenging topic, the articles in this book cover deep explorations of our current system, examples of restorative justice in practice, and an overview of the institutional barriers to change. Media literacy terms and questions are included, inviting readers to carefully consider how reporting of the topic has developed over time

We do this 'til we free us: abolitionist organizing and transforming justice

Organizing is both science and art. It is thinking through a vision, a strategy, and then figuring out who your targets are, always being concerned about power, always being concerned about how you're going to actually build power in order to be able to push your issues, in order to be able to get the target to actually move in the way that you want to."What if social transformation and liberation isn't about waiting for someone else to come along and save us? What if ordinary people have the power to collectively free ourselves? In this timely collection of essays and interviews, Mariame Kaba reflects on the deep work of abolition and transformative political struggle. With a foreword by Naomi Murakawa and chapters on seeking justice beyond the punishment system, transforming how we deal with harm and accountability, and finding hope in collective struggle for abolition, Kaba's work is deeply rooted in the relentless belief that we can fundamentally change the world. As Kaba writes, "Nothing that we do that is worthwhile is done alone."